



By the Maior.



WHEREAS divers Persons rudely disposed, within this City, have of late years been observed to behave themselves in an uncivil and insolent manner towards Persons of Quality; by means whereof divers that would otherwise be forward to come within the City for supply of their Occasions, are forced to repair to other Places, lest they should suffer here by the Violence and Rudeness that is too often committed and acted in the Streets of this City, to the great Scandal and Disreputation of the Government, as well as Prejudice and Loss of the Trade and Commerce of this City. These are therefore by the Advice of my Brethren the Aldermen and the Commons of this City in Common Council assembled; in His Majesties Name straightly to charge and command all Persons within this City and the Liberties thereof, as they will answer the contrary at their utmost Perils, to behave themselves at all times in a civil and orderly manner, with due Respect and Regard to all Persons of Quality, Ladies and Gentlemen, that shall think fit to repair at any time to this City upon their Occasions.

And because the Misdemeanors and Rudeness of Car-men, Dray-men and other Persons hereafter mentioned committed in the Streets are too notorious: These are therefore straightly to command, That from henceforth no Car-man, Dray-man or other person with a Car or Cart or the like, do presume to run against

or obstruct any Gentlemans Coach in their Passage in any the Streets of this City, but give them full space and freedom of Passage without the least Disturbance, Affront or Injury to be offered to them, their Servants, Horses or Coaches.

And also that Tankard-Bearers, Porters, and other Persons laden with Burdens or of inferior Quality do forbear to run against, jostle or offer the least uncivil Action to Persons of better Quality, and that they do constantly give them place in their passage on foot through the Streets.

And all Vagrants, Beggars and other idle and lewd Persons are hereby enjoined not to presume to place themselves in, or wander about any the Streets and publick Passages of this City. And all Constables and other Officers are hereby charged and required to intercept and apprehend all such Persons, and deal with them according to the Law in that behalf.

And Whereas throwing of Squibs, Fire-Works, Foot-ball Play and the like, are at certain Seasons frequently practised by Apprentices and others in the Streets, which is a great Grievance and Annoyance to the publick Passages of this City, whereby much Mischief is often done, and is an occasion of great Fear to Passengers. These are therefore further to command all Apprentices and other young Persons to forbear from time to time all such rude Practices.

And that all Masters of Families do look to and secure their Sons, Apprentices and Servants in the well ordering of themselves and giving due Obedience hereunto.

And all Persons are to take notice, that the Observation hereof is strictly required. And all Offenders in any the particulars before-mentioned shall suffer the utmost Penalties can be inflicted upon them.

Given at Guild-Hall, this Five and Twentieth day of March, 1673. and in the Five and Twentieth Year of His Majesties Reign.

God save the King.